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Romulus could be a biodiesel refining site

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Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members are debating a proposal that would allow the operators of a biodiesel refinery to open in a city industrial district.

Executives from Alternegy — the firm that hopes the city will approve the plan — is proposing the construction of a \$14 million refinery on 4 acres of land adjacent to RKA Petroleum, a regional wholesaler of petroleum located on Wick Road.

Merrill Kramer, a representative from Alternegy, called the site "ideal" for such a facility.

"This is a good opportunity for us," he said. "The site has a rail line going through it. We

had a study done, and it showed that the Wick Road site met all our needs."

Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from a variety of fats and oil. It is a renewable fuel that is often touted as one of the solutions to weaning U.S. consumers from foreign oil dependence. The goal of biodiesel producers is to replace conventional diesel fuel and home heating fuel.

Though biodiesel contains no petroleum, it can be blended at any level with petroleum to create a "blend" that can be used in typical compression-ignition diesel without any engine modification.

If it comes to fruition, the biodiesel facility proposed in Romulus would refine 10-11 million gallons of biodiesel per year, said Kramer.

Tim Keyes, economic development direc-

tor for the city, said the two companies approached the city last fall about building a refinery.

"We've been talking for a little while now, and I think we're at the beginning of this process," he said. "I think the council will still have quite a few questions."

Michigan is home to only one biodiesel refinery, though others are currently under development. Kramer said that despite the federal push behind biodiesel, the state has not adopted policies that encourage proliferation of the plants.

"We'll be asking for Renaissance Zone designation because there aren't too many incentives here to build," he said.

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No friction at casino meeting

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A public hearing March 8 to solicit public comment about the possibility of a \$250 million Indian-owned casino in Romulus heard opposition in the form of a letter from the chief of the Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The meeting, which was organized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as part of an Environmental Impact Study, lasted barely an hour and was attended by only about 100 residents, city employees and other interested parties.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted the hearing to determine the effect a casino would have on the surrounding communities. The study is a step in the overall process that will determine whether the federal government will allow a casino to be constructed along Vining Road, near the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Officials in attendance said they had expected more opposition from residents, but that didn't happen.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he takes that as a sign that most people see the value of having a casino.

"When we consider the jobs situation here, and the state of the automobile industry, I think people are more receptive to a casino," he said.

"The voters approved this

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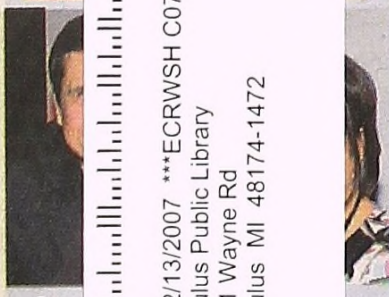
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The Romulus Eagle varsity basketball team, led by Head Coach Nate Oats (far left), won the Class A District 15 championship when they beat the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats, 68-53, at home on Saturday night (see page 9 for full story). The Eagles also defeated Mega Red rivals Belleville in a nail-biter on Thursday night—see related story on page 10—and Ypsilanti last Tuesday night. Updates for regional competition can be found at www.journalgroup.com.

Council questions biodiesel plan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A proposal to construct a biodiesel refinery near a petroleum company in Romulus met with mixed reactions Monday evening.

City council members expressed an array of concerns about Alternegy's plan to build the facility on a 4-acre parcel on Wick Road, including the size of the parcel, the likely timeline of the project, the impact on traffic and the tax incentives the company is requesting.

Mayor Alan Lambert said

after the company's Powerpoint presentation that he thinks the project is a good one in theory, but that he's unsure if the refinery is in line with what officials would like to see in the city.

"We have been trying to attract more retail and more entertainment to the city," he said. "We're not looking for more tax-free zones. However, we're being told that we need to reduce our dependence on everyone else when it comes to oil, and these type of facilities do help."

Biodiesel is made from fats and various organic oils, and having the refinery would mean

that feedstock would have to be either trucked in or brought in by rail. Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said she was concerned about traffic on Wick Road, which is already fairly active.

Jason Hittleman, the director of biofuels for RKA Petroleum Co., said he didn't think there would be an influx of trucks disrupting the area.

"Most of the feedstock is brought in by rail," he said. "I don't think we'd see too many more trucks."

Another area of concern is the

Van Buren to ask for public service millage

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township residents could see an increase in the public safety millage this year.

Township officials are asking for a five-year, 1-mill increase, which is currently at 3 mills and set to expire this year. The millage would help fund increased service for the police and fire departments and, reduce overall response time, according to officials.

"We know the demand for service continues to increase," said Supervisor Cindy King. "In the police department, the trends are rising in things like crime and identity theft, which are both labor intensive, and the current staff can't give enough attention they need there. We'd also be able to have better routine patrol.

"For the fire department, it could mean a second duty crew," she added. "I suspect that many people who moved here from larger urban areas don't even know we're a paid, on-call fire department and we're not at our acceptable level."

Jerry Champagne, director of the township public safety department, said the departments are just not where they should be.

"Providing superior public safety service is all about time—getting to the scene quickly and with the appropriate equipment to serve," he said. "While the department operates professionally and, the community may

receive high quality service when they call for help, the professionals have been evaluating public safety services and the reality is that there are types of services we are not adequately providing; services that are delivered reactively. Our response times are not as low as they should be, which means the potential exists for losses to be greater than one would like."

Since 2002, calls for service have considerably increased because of the population increase and more businesses. Nine new residential developments have been approved for construction adding 2,000 more homes to the township, along with 22 new businesses that have opened up as well, according to officials.

"The impact of these changes are more crowded roads, more calls for service with the current structure and, more time to get to the scene of an emergency," said Champagne.

Now, police patrol is at a three-zone system for the north, south and central portions of the township. However, officials want to go to a five-zone system, which would allow increased visibility, reduced crime, back up and officers assigned to a regular area for familiarity.

Another hope is to implement a special investigation unit that would deal with narcotics, home invasions, identify theft, auto theft and other major crimes.

The goal for the fire department is to cover the current gap

of coverage and improve response time on the south side of the township. To date, there is no fire coverage in the station between 4-8 p.m., according to Fire Chief Mark Nicholai.

"Since we're paid-on call, our staff has to come back when their pagers are activated. Most have day-jobs too, so with that there is no assurance they'll be available," he said.

The department also has 17 vacancies.

"The public has to decide what type of service they want. We're not meeting our needs now," said Nicholai.

"Firefighters need to be dispatched on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year basis from the stations, not from their homes or where ever they are when the "tone" goes out. A second duty crew for the south end of the township is needed," said Champagne.

A millage increase could also mean new programs to the fire department such as, an explorer program for recruits, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) medical support and a fire chaplain program.

"Times are tough economically, but quite frankly, police and fire get busier during these times," said Nicholai. "It's not a great time for a millage increase, but it's essential initiatives for the fire department."

In 2002, voters rejected a millage

increase. It's been five years, however, and the community continues to grow, King said.

"The key part will be to market to the community," she said.

"The township board will still approve the general fund allocations to provide public safety services. The one additional mill would fund improved services,"

said Champagne.

A special election could take place in August and, if the voters approve, the millage would go in to effect in 2008.

The request will go back to the township board of trustees on March 20 where officials will present the ballot language for approval.

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St. Patrick's Day party planned

Everyone will be Irish this weekend when the Belleville Central Business Community hosts the annual St. Patrick's Day event at the Bayou Grill.

There is something for everyone and all ages are invited to attend the event from 5 until 8 p.m. Saturday. The city tradition, which is now in the seventh year, is always a successful event for the group, according to Kathie Steigerwald, organizer of the event.

"Everybody goes out for St. Patrick's Day, everybody's Irish and everyone wears green," she said.

Tickets are \$12 and, include a choice of corned beef and cabbage or Irish stew, along with a salad and a beverage (soda, coffee, house wine or green beer). A children's menu is also available.

Prizes from area businesses, raffles and a 50/50 drawing will be on-hand for attendees to win. Live entertainment will be provided by the Bayou, too.

Proceeds from the event go toward other central business community events including the Easter Egg Hunt, the Strawberry Festival, the Taste of Belleville, the Harvest Festival and Halloween and Christmas celebrations.

"If you live in the Belleville area we'd love for you to go because we put out all these events in the community with the help of this one," said Steigerwald.

Tickets can be purchased at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Stoney Creek Motorsports or at the door the day of the event. For more information, contact the chamber or the Bayou Grill, located at 404 Main St., (734) 697-4500.

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Local educator is 2007 Teacher of the Year

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The workday ends long after her second graders go home for the day.

Kathy Hurst, 47, spends many afternoons in class at Wick Elementary School after the bell rings, and it's for a good reason: She says the higher you raise the bar for children, the more likely they are to strive to meet goals.

"I believe that you have to involve a child in learning," she said. "I try to make learning more active – trying it to things that are happening in their lives."

Hurst also exceeded a lofty bar this year when she was named the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency "Teacher of the Year."

"This is the most fabulous honor that I've received," she

said.

Hurst came to the Romulus school district early, but to teaching later. She graduated from Romulus High School in 1977, and joined the district as a secretary through a co-op program while she was still in school. In 1978, Hurst became a secretary.

Somewhere inside of her, she knew she wanted to be a teacher. So, with the support of her husband – Romulus High School Principal Dan Hurst – she started taking classes at Eastern Michigan University. She later earned her bachelors degree in teaching and master's degree in reading from that university. Hurst began teaching in 1993, and quickly made her mark.

"(Hurst) has consistently provided strong instructional leadership to her students, Wick teachers and district colleagues," said Diane Golka, who is now the

principal of Barth Elementary. "Kathy sets high standards and expectations for her students, and believes each child will succeed."

Recently, Hurst's students earned the highest MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Test) for her grade for two consecutive years. Her students also earned an "A" on the Michigan Education Yes! Program.

After several years of teaching primary education, Hurst was promoted to the position of service learning specialist, which was created to help students struggling with some concepts to gain enough ground to master those subjects. Under her leadership in that role, Romulus High School was one of the first schools in the United States to earn the Presidential Service Learning Award.

Hurst has authored two hand-

books on service learning that are used within the district, and at other school districts.

Outside the classroom, Hurst is involved with many community activities, including the ongoing development of the joint city-schools Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities, the Elmer Johnson Park rehabilitation project, and the community baby shower. She is a member of the Mayor's Drug Task Force, the Romulus Goodfellows, and the Romulus VFW.

Hurst said her main goals for the future are continuing these efforts, and of course, to keep teaching.

"Right now, I'm working with what we call differentiated learning, which addresses the needs of all learners," she said. "Some students need extra help, and others need an accelerated program."



Kathy Hurst

Hurst is the third teacher at the Romulus Community Schools to earn the top regional honor. In 2006, Marilyn Wood won the award. She was preceded by Gerilynn Kline in 2005.

She will accept her award in May at a recognition ceremony that has not yet been scheduled.

News in brief

Egg hunt is on

The Romulus Recreation Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place behind the new Senior Center, which is located at 36252 Bibbins Road. Parking is available at the center.

The hunt will begin at noon on Saturday, April 7. This year, there are four ages groups: 3 years old and under; 4-5 years old; 6-7 years old; and 8-10 years old.

Some eggs will have tickets in them that can be turned in for special prizes. The event is free for all families, but photographs with the Easter Bunny will cost \$2. Children are asked to bring a bag with them to collect the eggs.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Tournament will help animals

Backers of the new Romulus Animal Shelter are again sponsoring a bowling fundraiser to generate funds to build the new structure.

The "9 Pin No Tap Tournament" will take place April 27 at the Romulus Lanes bowling alley, which is located at 37452 West Huron River Dr.

Money raised will go directly to a fund established to build the shelter. So far, about \$80,000 of the needed \$250,000 has been donated, according to Councilman William Wadsworth, who organized the fundraising campaign. In-kind building services have also been donated, and the structure is now in the design phase.

Registration for the tournament is preferred. To register, call (734) 941-622 or (734) 941-0616.

Gym to help hungry

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Curves of Romulus is located at 36015 Goddard Road, Suite 200. Curves of Wayne is located at 34840 Michigan Ave. West.

For more information, call the Romulus location at (734) 941-0900, or the Wayne location at (734) 722-9200.

Biodeisel

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The state Renaissance Zone plan creates a limited number of tax-free zones for businesses the state would like to see come to Michigan. Other states have created incentives specifically for the biodiesel industry – which include tax breaks. Kramer said his company has contacted – and received support – from the governor's office, Sen. Carl Levin, and State Sen. Ray Basham.

There are only 10 zones available, and the project would have to move very quickly to secure

that designation, Kramer said. If granted, the company would likely pay only special assessment taxes and school taxes for 10 years.

Before the company can request Wayne County apply for the zone designation, city council members would have to approve the project.

Kramer said the overall goal of the company would be to break ground in April or May, and begin operation by December 2007.

The states with the most biodiesel refineries are Minnesota, California, and Texas, according to information compiled by Alternegy.

Refinery - Timeline, incentives are questioned

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timeline of the project. Merrill Kramer, who represented Alternegy at the meeting, said that he would need an approval from the council possibly at the next meeting on March 26. The he wants to move quickly is because he is asking Wayne County to apply for one of 10 Renaissance Zone designations, which would give the company extensive tax breaks for 10 years.

"Without the incentives, I'm not sure the project can move forward," Kramer said.

Councilman William Crova said he's not likely to vote in favor of any project that quickly unless, "someone can show me that a project like this can work on a parcel that small."

Alternegy would be entering into a partnership with RKA if the project comes to fruition. Margaret O'Riley, a consultant working with RKA and Alternegy, said the approval would secure RKA's long-term presence in Romulus.

Hittleman said that the company is likely to stay in Romulus even if the biodiesel facility does not come to fruition.

"We've been here a long time," he said.

"If it's not built, we'll continue with our main focus, which is petroleum."

The land Alternegy is eyeing is off Wick Road, and is nearly contained by RKA. Currently, RKA parks trucks there and there's little to no tax value on the parcel, O'Riley said.

She added that the company would still be paying school taxes, so there is some financial benefit for city residents.

The only other site the company looked at in Michigan was in Ecorse.

The proliferation of biodiesel is a main goal of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration. Currently, the administration has opened 10 Renaissance Zones for such facilities. Initially for industrial facilities or blighted areas, the act that provides for the zones was amended to include biodiesel plants.

If allowed to move forward, the Alternegy facility would provide 13 regular jobs paying \$50,000 or more per year, and about 50 construction jobs, officials said.

Indians

FROM PAGE 1

measure overwhelmingly in 2003, and I think the fact that there wasn't opposition from unexpected sources indicates that most people are on board with this."

In 2005, Romulus officials entered into an agreement with the Hannahville Indian Tribe of Petoskey, to pursue building a casino on city-owned land.

If allowed to move forward, the land would be held in trust – a fact that other Indian tribes with deeper roots in southeast Michigan say flies in the face of existing treaties negotiated by the United States and several tribes in the 1700s and 1800s.

A letter from Fred Cantu, the tribal chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, was read into the record during the hearing. In part, Cantu said, "If authorized (the Romulus casino) would seriously undermine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and create a dangerous precedent in Indian

Country."

The 300-year old treaties dictate that Southeast Michigan is part of the Chippewa tribe's land. Cantu said in his letter that allowing another tribe to set up a casino in their ancestral lands exploits the off-reservation gaming provision in the IGRA, and the Michigan Gaming Compact of 1993, which also has stringent controls on off-reservation gaming.

"We believe (the off-reservation) provision of the IGRA was promulgated to allow tribes who otherwise have no hope of operating gaming on their reservation lands to be able to participate in gaming off-reservation, when every affected community agrees," Cantu said in the letter. He added that a facility in Romulus would create a financial strain on other tribes who engage in gaming.

Both the Hannahville and Chippewa tribes operate successful casinos and hotels on reservation land in northern Michigan.

"I ultimately think that we're going to be able to overcome this," said Mayor Pro-

Tem Randolph Gear, who attended the hearing. "This is something we've worked hard on, and it's something we need. We're planning other development around this. I just hope it doesn't take too long (to get the federal approvals)."

One Romulus resident said he hopes to see ground broken soon.

"I've lived here for 50 years, and that land has always been farm land," said Joe Kochanoski. "We support having a casino here. We really need the jobs."

Scott Doig of the U.S. Department of the Interior said the bureau will take into consideration all of the comments, and do additional research, before releasing the results of the study.

"It takes some time to put everything together, but what we're mainly looking at is how a casino would affect the region," he said. "We're not sure how long that's going to take."

The finalized report will be available for download at www.romuluseis.com once it's complete.

OPINION

Read between the lines

When it rains, it pours.

In the three short months since Westland Mayor Bill Wild has taken office, the city has already had to deal with the closure of Central City Park and is facing a lawsuit over alleged delays at a proposed development.

Now, Wild and Council President Chuck Pickering are wrangling over a proposed study session to look into the issue at the William D. Faust Public Library.

It looks like the honeymoon is over.

This latest development is perhaps the most vexing. We can't recall a time when a seated mayor has requested a study session and been rebuffed by the council president.

In his denial of that request, Pickering stated that he didn't think the timing was right for the move, given that the library board was closing in on another round of finalists for the director position and it could hamper that process.

Well, let's see, Wild said he made his request at the urging of some citizens because of ongoing issues at the library. The board fired former Director John Patane 10 months ago and he hasn't been replaced. The board recently decided to increase the salary for the new director in hopes of luring someone in. Board Director Michael Rintz is now facing a sexual harassment lawsuit from a former administrative assistant at the library—who is also claiming she was wrongfully fired in January.

Sounds like a good time for a study session to us.

Even if a decision on a new director was imminent, it still makes sense to get everyone together in the same room and talk about what's going on and how best to solve it.

Perhaps a sense of timing is, in fact, driving this process. We can't help but wonder what it means when Pickering refuses such a seemingly simple request at a time when he's already obtained petitions to seek the mayoral seat.

This is complicated by the fact that the city council and city administration have little oversight at the library. City officials essentially approve a budget and then let the entity run itself. The library, though, is a prominent facet of the community. When it gets a black eye, the city gets a black eye. It's too strong an institution to suffer from these squabbles, wherever they may originate.

We think it's time to put politics aside, get everyone together and work it out. The residents and library users deserve that, at the very least.

Is this a glimmer of hope?

Members of the Democratic Party are continuing their press to improve the economic climate in the State of Michigan.

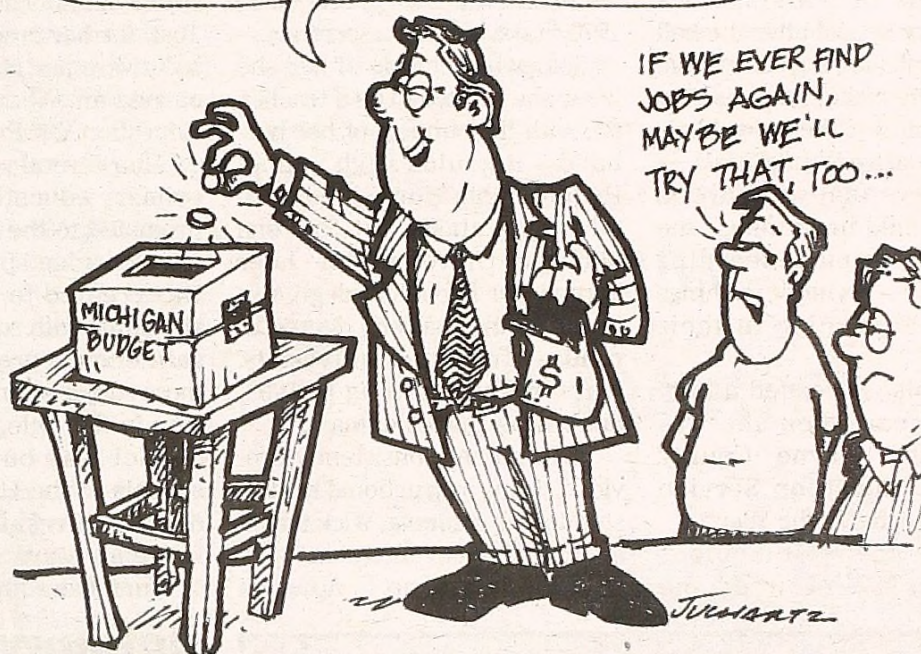
Just 10 weeks into the new term that saw them take control of the House of Representatives, they've unveiled additional pieces of legislation designed to spur home sales and protect homeowners who may lose their homes due to job loss.

The first would eliminate the so-called 'pop-up tax' that homeowners face when they purchase a home from someone who has lived there for an extended period of time. When that happens, tax rates tend to spike astronomically as assessed values and state equalized values shift. It can be a hidden cost that dramatically impacts the ability of homeowners to sell their properties as well as pay for new ones.

It has limits—the elimination of the 'pop up tax' is only good for as long as the resident owns the new home. That may hinder sales in the distant future. In the meantime, though, it provides for a seamless transition of ownership. Taxes will always go up, of course, but they won't jump

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The devil's in the details

A group of concerned residents, city and business officials and Realtors filtered into a meeting room at the Ironworkers Local building on Saturday morning.

The coffee was hot, the donuts sweet—I assume, anyway—and their task, formidable.

They are the Citizens for Quality Roads, and they're promoting an upcoming road millage Wayne voters will decide on May 8.

Their campaign, Save Our Streets, will soon be on the way to mailboxes and cable channels near you.

It's the first time I attended one of these meetings, which have been going on more or less weekly for about a month now. I'm very frugal with my Saturday mornings and probably would've skipped this one, too, if I hadn't been overcome with an interest to check it out.

They talked mostly about the direction of the campaign, the kinds of verbiage they wanted to use, the things they wanted to emphasize and all that. The editor in me kept wanting to shout out interjections and suggestions, but for the most part I kept quiet (although the draft version of their pamphlet was turned in to Art Quintal with a few 'suggestions').

They said they want to concentrate on the value for the residents and to get out the 'yes' voters as much as possible.

They also acknowledged that they had an uphill battle to fight, too. That's true—13 out of 17 bond issues failed across Michigan at the end of February.

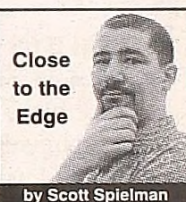
These are both common sense directions to take, of course, and they come from this bond election guru who tells everyone in every municipality the same thing: Make your case, talk about the value, provide details and voters will most likely approve it.

From my perspective, the most important aspect of that is the details. Give me enough details and I'll decide on whether or not they made their case and if there's value in it.

I'll probably be looking at this issue in a different way than I do most. I'll be looking at it as a newspaper editor who will have to weigh in on the choice eventually (probably in the middle of April, after I've learned the details and written about them at great length) and as a Wayne homeowner who would like to sell his house this year.

I've already decided one thing, though: some kind of dedicated funding is needed. There is a ton of needed work out there and there is no other way to pay for it. A city the size of Wayne can't come up with \$20 million by eliminating coffee from the budget or even renegotiating contracts with union groups. They can't keep raiding the Downtown Development Authority, which can technically only pay for work and services within the district. That fund should be dedicated to improving the downtown.

Whether this is the best plan remains to be seen, though. For now, I'd say the committee is at least talking about the right points.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

A new recruitment process?

When I confess that the Belleville City Council meeting last week left me confused, I know I'm not the only one.

The topic of the new city manager came up, which I thought was going to be as simple as a decision to re-advertise for the position and set another meeting. Things went in another direction, however, when Councilmember Walter Mears was recommended for the spot.

It wouldn't have been as big of a deal, until I saw the look of shock and bewilderment on everyone's face, including Mears'.

Councilmember George Chedraue asked Mears if he would be interested in the position. Mears said that he did consider applying for the city manager position, but for various reasons—he wasn't looking for a job; the \$65,000 salary would be a pay-cut for him and the fact that all his successes and failures would be in the newspaper each week—he did not apply.

I can't blame him for reconsidering applying, not

wanting to take a pay-cut, particularly if he's happy at his job now, but as far as being in the media, unfortunately airing your dirty laundry is a part of politics.

Many council members felt that Mears has been diligent in the city manager search, so much that he is qualified to take on the job himself.

Others, like Kerreen Conley, who was also approached for the position, but turned it down, objected to 'hand-selecting' someone for the spot. Someone, she said during the meeting, who considered applying only after city council praise.

I, too, questioned the process that was taking place.

The first motion made by the council was to set a March 23 deadline to re-advertise for applications and a March 26 deadline for candidate selection. It was not approved.



King's Court

by Andrea King

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Abuse suspect waives preliminary hearing

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

A Canton Township man who police say tied up his girlfriend's young child two years ago with duct tape and videotaped the incident will head to Wayne County Circuit Court for a potential trial.

Andre Thornton Montgomery, 27, waived his right to a preliminary examination on Friday at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Judge Ron Lowe refused to lessen the bond for Montgomery, who remains in jail on a \$50,000 bond. Montgomery is charged with second-degree child abuse, a four-year felony.

Canton police arrested Montgomery on Feb. 25 after his girlfriend turned in a video recording of her boyfriend putting duct tape on her child's hands, feet, mouth and eyes. Police said the child is shown crying on the video, which was made two years ago. The child, now 4½, has never displayed any signs of physical abuse, the child's mother told police.

A person can be found guilty of second-degree child abuse if it is proved he or she committed a cruel act or an act likely to cause serious physical or mental harm, regardless of whether any harm results.

"There is strong evidence here that he abused this child, bound and gagged him and caught this all on videotape," said Louisa Papalas, assistant Wayne County prosecutor.

Montgomery objected to the serious accusation.

"I never hit him, never beat him," he said.

Canton Detective Rick Pomorski has said Montgomery described the acts on the video as "playing."

The 90-second video was not shown in court Friday, but assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Luke Skywalker said he had seen it.

"It's the first time I ever walked away without finishing watching something," said Skywalker.

Lowe also barred contact between Montgomery's friends and family and four individuals including the child's mother. Papalas said in court that the mother and her relatives had received telephone threats as a result of the charges brought against Montgomery.

Craig Shrewsbury, who represented Montgomery on Friday, said his client would not oppose the no-contact provision.

"I just heard something in passing about the threats," Shrewsbury said outside the courtroom.

Lowe said the court can't completely control Montgomery's family, but told the defendant any retaliation could get him in more trouble.

"You need to start letting your family know, don't be doing this stuff," said Lowe.

Montgomery will now head to Wayne County Circuit Court in downtown Detroit, where an arraignment is set for March 23.

homes due to layoffs, buyouts or plain old outsourcing. This, too, has limits—the assistance comes in the form a second mortgage and is only good for six months—but it could provide a welcome bridge to families who are certain that brighter times are just around the corner.

These are not perfect plans and they have not yet been approved by either the House or the Senate, but they're still encouraging signs that help is on the way.

mess in the city.

I like the fact that Mears could bring his data analyst background to the city. The budget is the number one concern right now and with his 'numbers background' it could be beneficial for cost savings measures.

Mears also said he would implement more department head communication, set benchmarks, have a stronger evaluation process and, even institute something as simple as office hours for the community.

City hall needs to be more responsive to the community, Mears said. I couldn't agree more.

Whoever does become the new city manager needs to have the community's best interest in mind, not their own personal agendas. That's the only way Belleville will ever fully thrive again.

"It's the first time I ever walked away without finishing watching something."
Luke Skywalker

Hope

FROM PAGE 4

like frogs on a hotplate. This sounds much like a 'tweak' of Proposal A—the kind that have been long discussed but never materialized.

The second allows some assistance in mortgage payments and tax payments for residents in danger of losing their

Manager

FROM PAGE 4

Another motion for a March 26 special meeting to act upon interviews was approved, but when Mears said he wouldn't apply for the job now because of the vote, the council members took a break. When they came back, they approved a new motion for a special meeting and application deadline for Mears.

I'm not sure if that was the best way to go about the procedure, but on the other hand, the city council members did ask Mears if he was interested.

I don't know his complete background or if Mears can truly do the job, but I do know Belleville needs help, especially when it comes to cleaning up the financial

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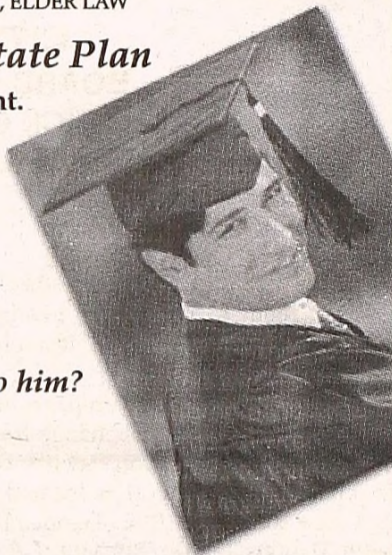
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**CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
11126 WAYNE ROAD**

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007**, for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 13A.03, Bulk and Area Requirements, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow a 2-foot minimum side yard setback. The Zoning Ordinance requires a 5-foot side yard setback; therefore a 3-foot variance is required. The subject property is located at 11126 Wayne Road. DP# 82-80-077-08-0022-301. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 4, 2007, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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**CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL TREE - CHASE ROAD**

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The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a request for a nonconforming status change from Class B to Class A to expand the existing rehabilitation facility and continue the current office use and 6-bed spinal cord injury center. The subject property is located at 39140 Chase Road, 39010 Chase Road, 39050 Chase Road and 10925 Hannan Road. DP#s 82-80-071-99-0020-000, 82-80-071-99-0021-000, 8280-071-99-0022-000, 82-80-071-99-0019-000. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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**CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
14501 HANNAN ROAD**

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The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 4.05, Accessory Buildings in Residential Districts, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow a 576 square foot lean-to, on the existing pole barn, for a total accessory area of 2,492 square feet. The Zoning Ordinance permits a maximum of 1,500 square feet of accessory structures, therefore a 992 square foot variance is required. The subject property is located at 14501 Hannan Road. DP# 82-80-119-99-0021-712. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2007
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Excused: John Barden.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-053

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 13, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Burcroff, Crova.

Motion Carried.

3. Presentation Only - No Action Taken.

07-054

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Linda Suzanne Lovenduski, beloved daughter of Linda and Kenneth Choate.

Roll Call Vote Showing- Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-055

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment

06/07-23:

FUND/DEPT	CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO.	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
<u>State-Narcotics Forfeiture</u>			
<u>Expense</u>			
268-3720-738.73-05 Oper. Supplies	131,853	40,000	171,853
268-3720-738.74-64 Cellular & Paging Services	12,500	10,000	22,500
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
269-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance	153,578	(50,000)	103,578

To cover covert Police Operations and cellular bills through end of Budget Year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. No Report.

07-056

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-04 in the grand total amount of Five Hundred Fifty One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$551,977.46).

Roll Call Vote Showing- Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Deputy City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Eva W. Webb, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 26, 2007.

Eva W. Webb, Deputy City Clerk
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THE SCENE

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Grisly but good, movie won't disappoint

Frank Miller's *300* put the 'graphic' in graphic novel and the film adaptation followed that lead to the 'T.'

The movie, which opened last week, shouldn't be considered as the latest screen adaptation to come from the comic book genre, though; it is a solid film with amazing special effects. It's well-acted with a solid storyline and should appeal to mass audiences—those old enough to get in, that is.

The movie is an epic, plain and simple, crammed into a scant 117 minutes. It is based in ancient Greece, before one of the greatest battles of recorded history, the Battle of Thermopylae—where 300 Spartan warriors faced off against the assembled might of the Persian empire.

Here King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) concocts a bold plan to defeat the army and save his beloved Sparta from the overwhelming forces of the god-king Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro). There's just one problem: the king needs the permission from the oracle to march his army to war and the oracle refuses to give it.

That's no obstacle for the crafty Leonidas. He merely summons 300 of his best warriors to go instead.

When Theron (Dominic West), a slimy councilman who plots against Leonidas, questions him about this seeming break in Spartan law, Leonidas merely tells him that he's just going out for a walk with his personal bodyguard.

Questioned on the road to the battle field by the commander of another armed host, Leonidas himself questions members of the other band and finds most of them are sculptors, farmers and blacksmiths.

"See?" he says. "I've brought more soldiers than you have."

Once the battle is joined, the pace is breathtaking. Leonidas and his 300 face off against fantastic creatures and overwhelming odds. Back at home, Leonidas' wife, Queen Gorgo (Lena Headley) has her hands full dealing with court intrigue as she tries to summon the army to come to her husband's aid.

The battle scenes are visceral and grisly. Leonidas is always on the front line and his men prove, time and again, why they are the best of Sparta's army.

Butler is surprising in his portrayal of Leonidas. You expect the growling inspiring speeches, the cold commitment to holding the line. He shows another side, too, though, in caring for his wife, his camaraderie among his men and witty banter with Xerxes as the god-king attempts to get him to surrender.

"Before this day is done," he tells the giant. "I'll show the world that even a god can bleed."

He lives up to his word. The film lives up to the Miller's vision, too—and so much more.



Love of language motivates college teacher

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Language is both an art and a gift. Some people have it and some people aren't aware they have it.

Jerry VanDusen, an English teacher at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus, learned at a young age that he had it and he determined he was going to help teach those skills to others.

"I have the writing gene inher-

ited from my father and with teaching, I enjoy the interaction with students," he said. "At community colleges you can focus on that with your teaching and learning. I can see growth and personal development here that perhaps at a four-year school professors might take for granted."

However, 34 years later, VanDusen does not.

"Some students have language gifts and that encourages me to explore with them those gifts. It gives me a better understanding of language," he said. "I've developed a sensitivity and flexibility

with students. You can outline a course and assign papers, but you have to be sensitive and flexible to their needs because they may have been out of school for a while or maybe they're just now awakening to their potential. When you see a student that has talent that's untapped, you want to train them to use that full potential. That's why I teach writing."

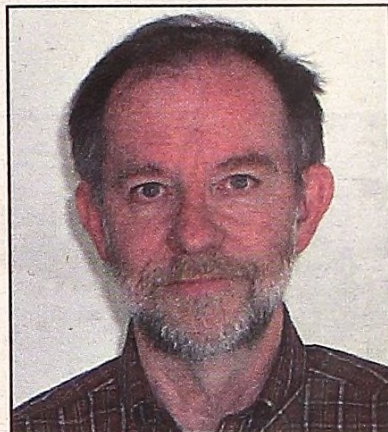
VanDusen, 60, has been with the Wayne County Community College through some key transition periods, as well. He was hired right out of graduate school when the college campus centers were scattered throughout Wayne County.

"I was literally all over the place," VanDusen said. "Once we saw a millage though, we saw buildings constructed, technology enhanced and really a more professional attitude among the facilities and staff. Now, it's a multi-purpose institution."

VanDusen also played the major part in the online program.

"I started that and would like to see it continue to flourish," he said.

Beyond the campus, VanDusen is also the author of a biography on William S. Mayo, textbooks on English editing, studies on technology in higher education and, a book on the history of Canton Township.



Jerry VanDusen, has been an English teacher at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) for more than 34 years.

Questions & Answers

What is the best piece of advice you've received?

Stick to it.

What are your hobbies?

Writing, tennis, gardening and landscaping.

What is your favorite kind of music?

Classical and jazz.

What is your favorite TV show?

The Office.

What is the last book you've read?

"Hannibal Rising" by Thomas Harris.

What are you most proud of?

The success of my students.

My childhood dream was to be

...a teacher.

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SPORTS

Romulus, Canton win District Championships

Canton beats Novi, 66-54

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The District 25 finale match-up between Canton and Novi at Canton High school on Friday wasn't nearly as exciting as the semifinal two days earlier, but the Chiefs will take the 66-54 victory any way they can get it.

The win marked Canton's second consecutive district crown.

"It feels great," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "I feel happy for these kids. They've worked hard and deserve it."

Not bad for a team that lost its first four games of the season.

"You doubt yourself a little bit early in the year, but I guess that's why I kept 10 seniors," Paye said. "I believe in those kids and, of course, (Neil) Sharma has been unbelievable in the last half of the season. It feels good."

The Chiefs vindicated their slow start by buckling down and going 2-0 in crossover play and 8-2 in the division play, losing both times to Northville. They evened that score with a victory over the Mustangs for the conference championship. Then they ousted Northville in the district semifinal contest last Wednesday.

The good fortune continued against Novi.

After an even 9-9 first quarter, Novi gained its first lead of the game with a basket by junior Caleb Dean to open the second. Canton senior Steve Paye responded with four consecutive free throws. From there the Chiefs never looked back. Canton went on a 12-2 spree that gave them a 31-20 lead. Paye nailed a bucket at the buzzer that helped Canton maintain the lead, 33-24, into the half.

Canton went up by 11 at the top of the third off a shot by senior guard Josh Butler. The closest the Wildcats would come the rest of the way would be five points.

Dean hit a shot late in the fourth to cut the lead, 56-51, but Canton hit 10 of 12 free throws down the stretch to put the game away.

"It seems like every time we got an eight or nine-point lead they would come back on us," Paye said. "I think we just made some mental errors a few times and I give (Novi) credit for hanging around and our kids credit for stopping their runs when they needed to."

The Chiefs didn't burn any records against Novi but they did prove they are a team that is continuously getting better.

They are moving the ball around better than ever. Eight different players scored against the Wildcats on Friday.

Senior forward Neil Sharma led the team with 22. Butler added 12 and Steve Paye scored 11.

The team also had help from two seniors coming off of the bench.

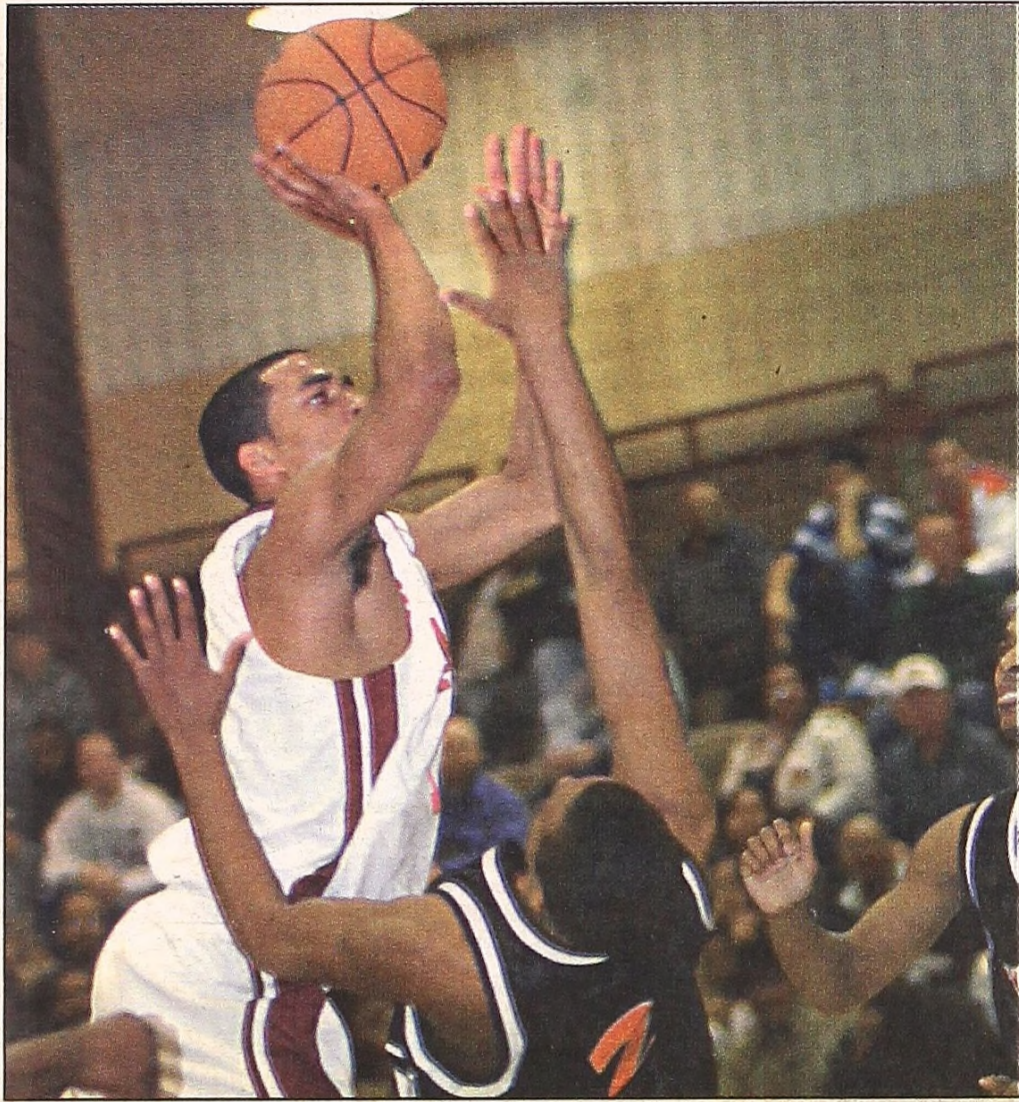
"(Eric) Zech and (Caleb) Lerner were huge tonight," Coach Paye said. "Caleb came out and gave us some points and Zech added some energy."

Lerner, a senior forward/center, scored nine points and Zech, a guard, had four points.

Earlier in the season the team strained to score in the 40's. Now, the Chiefs are averaging in the 60's. Canton also struggled taking care of the ball, averaging 20-plus turnovers early on. Against Novi, the Chiefs had eight.

"We're much better when we're balanced and we take care of the ball," Paye said. "I think that has been the biggest turnaround is the turnovers."

The Chiefs headed to Troy High School and faced off against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday. The two teams met last year in regional play with Orchard Lake moving on. The results of Wednesday's game were unavailable at press time. Check www.journalgroup.com for updated articles and "From the Cheap Seats" blog.



Romulus junior guard Dominique Buckley shoots a jumper over Belleville defenders in the district semifinal on Thursday night in Romulus. He scored 21 points, including two free throws with zero time left to secure the, 66-65, victory.

Eagles sink River Rats, 68-53

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After an emotional district semifinal bout with Belleville on Thursday, the Romulus Eagle basketball team continued to soar as they beat Ann Arbor Huron, 68-53, at home on Saturday night to win the district championship.

There were no last-second free throws or buzzer-beating shots to put the game away.

To the contrary, the game was actually quite flat. The Eagles led by as many as 21 in the fourth quarter and were never threatened by the River Rats.

"We'll take one like this after the couple close ones that we've had," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats.

Romulus led 14-9 after one period of play. Huron senior Brandon Drake drained a triple to get the River Rats to within three, 17-14, but that would be as close as they would get. Romulus finished out the half ahead, 32-25.

The second half wasn't any different. In the third the Eagles flew ahead by 20 points, with an 11-point rally. Senior center Devin Searcy scored eight of the 11. Huron whittled the lead to 50-35 at the end of three. Sophomore Filmore Bouldes nailed a double to put the Eagles up by 21 points, 60-39, as Romulus eased into the victory.

"Coming into the game we thought we were going to press them like we did the first couple months of the year but they handled it better than we thought and got a couple of layups early," Oats said. "So we decided to just match up and guard them man-to-man and see if we could do a better job defending their stuff. I thought we did."

As if Romulus hadn't already proved that they are a threat going into the regional tournament, the Eagles showed even more reason why they should be.

Depth, although always present, was showcased on Saturday.

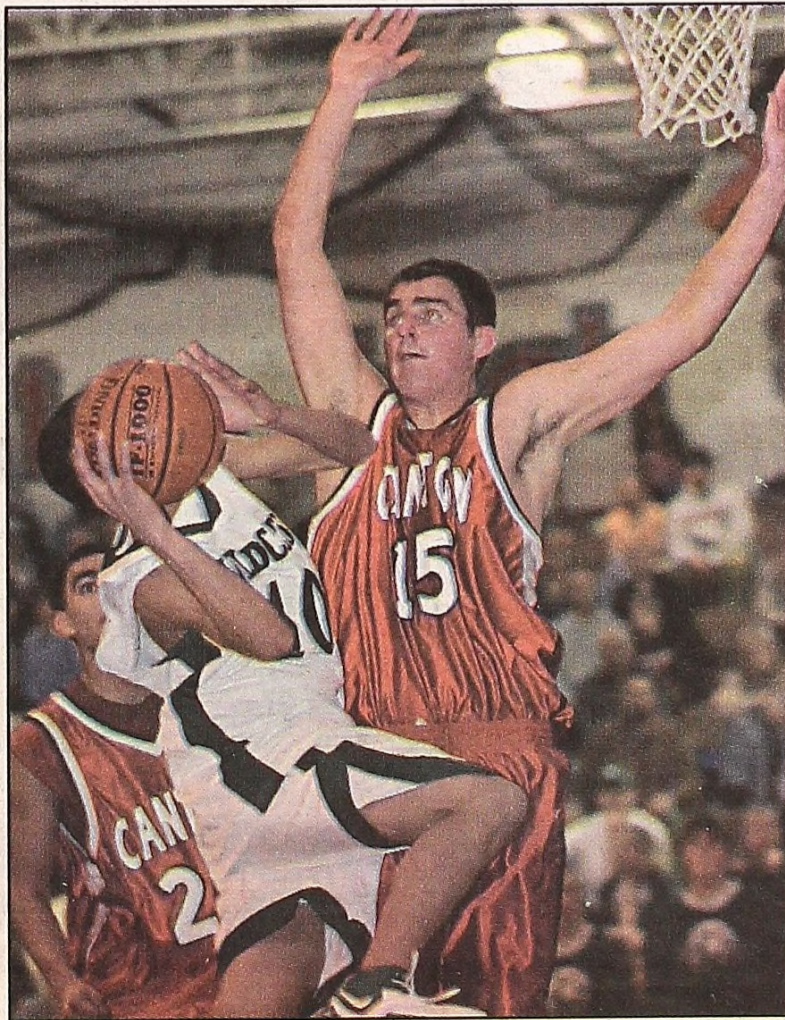
Romulus is loaded with weapons. There's Dominique Buckley (10 points), Devin Searcy—who led the team with 17 points and dominated the boards with 13 rebounds—Mario Crawford and Rod Walker that are all headline grabbers. Even sophomore Valdez Green proved that he can shoot the lights out, too, leading the team with 19 points (five triples) in Romulus' 83-62 victory against Ypsilanti last Tuesday.

Against Huron, little-known junior forward Martell Anderson came in and knocked down 13 points and reeled in eight rebounds. And Bouldes, a sophomore guard, contributed with nine points. Both are prolific passers and shooters that can break up zone coverage, said Oats.

The roster seems endless.

"We have 14 guys that—and I've said it all year and tonight kind of showed it—we can pull any of them off (the bench) and, on any given night, come through like tonight," Oats added. "We're just so deep and it depends on what the other team is doing and what we need. I think it's a testament to our kids to have 14 guys and some times don't even play and they stay with it and stay with it. It just says a lot about the character of our team."

The Eagles faced off against Detroit Redford in regional play at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School to Ypsilanti Lincoln on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. Check www.journalgroup.com for updates and "From the Cheap Seats" blog.



Novi's Chris Bellamy (10) had a hard time getting around Canton defender Ryan Waidmann (15) in Friday's district final at Canton. The Chiefs won the title, 66-54.

SPORTS

Romulus beats Belleville in nail-biter semi final

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Your team is down by one point with 4.8 seconds left on the clock. You drive the length of the court and are fouled on a layup as time expires. You stand alone at the free-throw line with hundreds of glaring eyes resting on you. One ties it, two wins it. Miss them both and, well, don't even think about that. No pressure.

What do you do?

If you're Romulus' Dominique Buckley you drain both for the victory.

The junior point guard, who has already verbally committed to Iowa State University, was hailed a hero in a district semifinal at Romulus on Thursday when his two free throws earned the Eagles a 66-65 victory over visiting rival Belleville.

The ending was one of Hollywood proportions. He might as well paint a red "S" on his chest and fly off into the sunset, because it doesn't get any better or closer.

"I never felt anything like it," Buckley said of the no-seconds-left win. "I didn't think it would come down to anything like that. It made it harder being up there alone with the crowd screaming. But I just had to block it all out. This was the biggest game of my life right now. We came together as a team and pulled out a win

and we'll take it."

Earlier that day Romulus Coach Nate Oats asked Buckley if he was going to make a couple big free throws later like he did in his freshman year. Two years ago Buckley was in a similar situation with the same outcome against Belleville—although there were actually a few seconds left to play.

"He kind of winked at me and said, yeah, he was going to do it," Oats said. "Then, all of a sudden, five or six hours later he's at the line shooting two big ones."

"I thought about how many 6 a.m. workouts we put him through and how all of the hard work is going to pay off," he added about the moments prior to the victory.

The rest of the game was just as exciting. It was aggressive and fast paced as both teams played like they didn't want to go home.

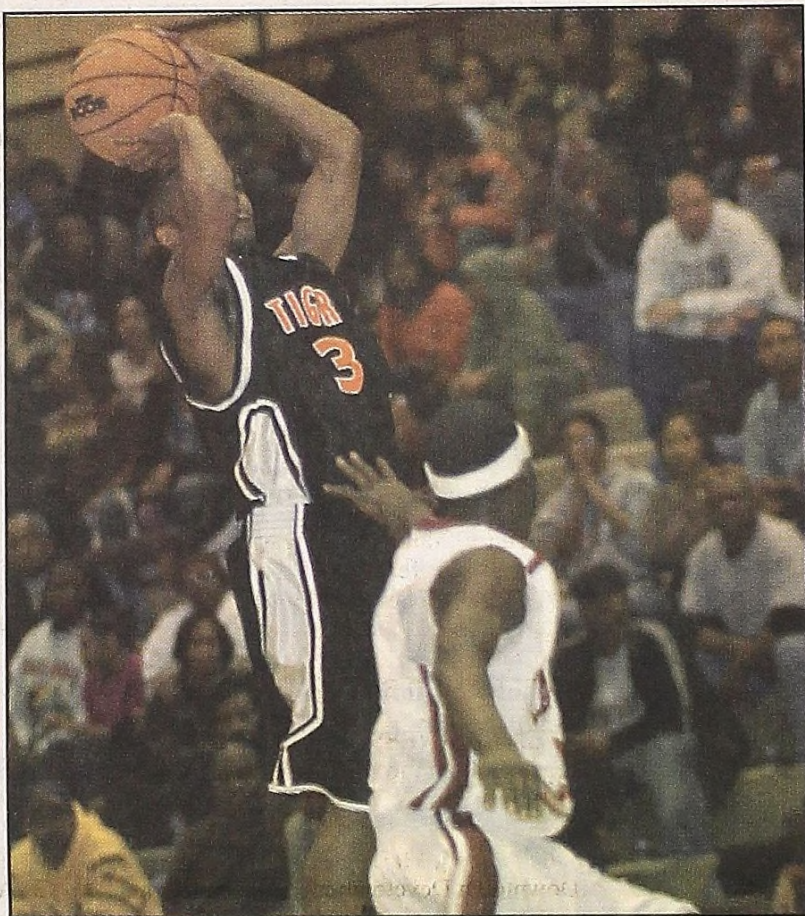
Both offenses were flying in the first frame. Senior center Devin Searcy was the saving grace for the Eagles, there. He scored eight in the quarter, including a slam dunk to punctu-

ate an 18-7 advantage. Belleville closed the gap to head into the second down, 20-13.

Romulus continued to spread the ball around—five scorers in the first and six in the second—to amass a 35-30 half-time lead.

The Eagles took control of the

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Belleville senior Caral Dial takes a jumper as part of his 16-point second half effort against the Eagles on Thursday.

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third quarter, starting with an 8-2 run that included a slam dunk by Searcy. The flurry gave Romulus its biggest margin with 11 points. The Tigers weren't done yet. They countered with nine unanswered points to narrow the gap, 43-41, ending with a triple by senior Tiger Marius Williams.

It was senior Caral Dial that took matters into his own hands in the final stanza. He scored 16 points in the fourth including the jumper to give Belleville its first lead of the game, 65-64, with 4.8 seconds left. That set the stage for Buckley's heroics.

"Dial played like a kid that didn't want to go home; a kid that didn't want the season to end; gritty; gutsy; determined; heart and soul," said Belleville Coach Don

Hickman. "He just refused to let us lose."

"It was a typical Romulus-Belleville game where no lead is safe and no situation is safe," he added. "It was another classic. Considering he was at the free-throw line with no time, I guess it has to be right up there at the top one or two. The kids gave me everything they got like they always have all season. I feel bad it had to end this way."

Dial led all scorers with 28 for Belleville. Williams added 12 and Hayes 11.

Buckley led the Eagles with 21. Searcy scored 14 and Rod Walker added 11.

"I want to tell (Belleville) that I have the utmost respect for them, playing their hearts out in a game like that," Oats said. "In their eyes they had somewhat of a down year but they didn't go out without a fight. I just have to let them know that I got a ton of respect for the kids on their team. They outplayed us down the stretch until Dominique hit two big ones."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Fire Chief Nicholai, Captain Brooks, Captain Laurain Secretary Ireland and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as amended to allow a presentation for the Van Buren Township Public Safety 2007 Millage Initiative under the Correspondence Section of the Agenda. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of February 20, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 20, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Public Safety Director Champagne presented a Public Safety 2007 Millage Initiative to provide information on the Department operations and a millage question proposal to be brought to the Board for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Township currently levies three (3) mills for Public Safety Services as approved by the voters in 2003. The presentation outlined police calls for service, police response times by priority, current police patrol system coverage, police department goals, police services provided, budgets and the organizational structure. Fire Chief Nicholai provided an overview of the Fire Department, their organizational structure, total responses, township coverage, fire department goals, the significance of two (2) minutes in the delivery of fire department service, response times with and without one duty crew, services provided and budgets. Public Safety Director Champagne finished with Emergency Dispatch Services, Dispatch Budget, Animal Control and Animal Control Budget. There was general discussion by members of the Board of Trustees and audience members upon completion of the presentation about how services can be improved and the importance of good public safety services. Supervisor King advised that the power point presentation shown would be broadcast on VBTv12 should the Board move forward with a millage proposal.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department is hosting a CPR and Automated Defibrillator Class for area citizens on April 13 from 6 – 10 p.m. and April 14, 2007 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The fee is \$10 to cover nominal costs and certification cards that will be issued upon completion of the course.

The Supervisor is in receipt of an e-mail commending Officer Griggs for his prompt action at placing a speed trailer on a neighborhood road in an attempt to reduce the number of speeders on that road.

Supervisor received correspondence thanking the Fire Department for their assistance in shoveling and salting a handicap ramp to help in providing medical assistance to a resident.

Letter of thanks to the Assessing Department for the information they provided and the Department's high quality work.

Wayne County is sponsoring a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Sumpter Township DPS located at 23501 Sumpter Road, off Dunn Street behind the Police Station. Please call 734.326.3936 for additional information.

The Van Buren Township 2007 Board of Review began March 6, and will also be held on March 12, from 9:00 a.m. – noon and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and March 14, from 9:00 a.m. – noon and 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Appeals may be done in writing without personal appearance and must be received on or before March 15, 2007. Any taxpayer wishing to appeal in person, must call 734.699.8946 to schedule an appointment.

The Wayne County Fair Association will be hosting a Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive bids until March 29, 2007, in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, at which time bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. for the provision of lawn maintenance service for 101 dwelling units of public Housing and the Housing Commission Administration Office. All properties are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan. Bid documents can be obtained during regular business hours, at the Housing Commission Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information please call area code (734) 729-5389.

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and under. Proceeds will go to the upkeep of the Wayne County Fairgrounds. For more information call 734.942.1684.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Belleville will hold their kick-off on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Community Center. For more information please call 248.483.4348.

The Huron Valley Conservation Association fundraiser to benefit HVCA Programs is a "No Limit" Texas Hold 'Em Charity Tournament to be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Belleville Moose Lodge. Registration begins at 12 noon and play begins at 2:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to reappoint William Osier and G. Frank Bellomo to the Construction Code Appeals Board, terms to expire February 28, 2010. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to reappoint Carol Bird and Mark Laginess to the Downtown Development Authority, terms to expire March 9, 2011. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Clair seconded to approve Permit Application UT#5781236 M63107 06-949A by AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the South I-94 Service Drive, Beckley and Denton public road rights of way. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to postpone consideration of the Planned Residential Development Agreement between Pine Creek Development L.L.C. and the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the March 6, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the January 2007 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Payne advised that Wayne County Clerk Garrett visited the Clerk's office. Wayne County Clerk Garrett has been visiting all the clerk's offices in Wayne County to address concerns and questions.

The Recreation Department announced the following events. The Marshmallow Drop will be held on Saturday March 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Quirk Park Ball Diamond with a rain date of Sunday, April 1, 2007. The Pancake Breakfast will be held prior to the Marshmallow Drop from 8:00 am. – 9:20 a.m. in the gym. The cost is \$5. In addition, photos with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will be offered by Walgreens. Open registration for all the day camps began on Monday, March 5, 2007. Those interested in enrolling for any of the day camps are encouraged to register as early as possible as space is becoming limited. The Boater Safety Class scheduled for March 24, 2007 is sold out; however, there is still available space for the April 28, 2007 class. The Parks and Recreation Director expects to have the dates for this season's Tiger Baseball trip(s) at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting. For further information please call the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A Township resident inquired about the availability of sewer service for his home. Pertinent information will be taken after the Board meeting in order for the appropriate person to make contact with the homeowner.

Resident advised the Board they were not in favor of Chrysler building in the township unless they would be bringing jobs and because they would request tax abatement. Further the resident advised the Board of his desire to see the Board Meetings rebroadcast on VBTv12 and finally there were more orange jugs along Beck Road where oil has been dumped and he would like Wayne County to clean it up.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Inkster falls in district final

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster's long, arduous roller coaster ride of a basketball season came to a close on Friday when the Vikings lost to host Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 64-60, in the Class C District 70 finale.

Like they did all season long, the Vikings played tough and kept it close but the Fighting Irish's line shooting was too much.

The rule is: if down, foul to get back in it.

Inkster was down in the second half and did as they were supposed to, but Ann Arbor hit 22 free throws in the second 18 minutes of play. Inkster's defense did an outstanding job holding the Irish to just four field goals in the entire half but the free throws caught up to them.

Losing by a handful of points is the same old story written on a different day. A majority of Inkster's 15 losses were by the same means and were a result of not closing out games.

However, for a very young team with a new coach, a new system and an inconsistent roster, making it to the district final was a big accomplishment. Still, first-year coach Greg Carter—also the coach of the state runner-up football team—hoped for a little more.

"We thought we should have played a little bit better in the championship game," he said. "The kids played well but we hoped to go further. We were a different team at the end of the year than we were at the beginning. We were definitely a tough out."

Inkster was down 34-27 at the half and closed the gap to 42-41 at the end of the third.

Senior Johnny Crawford played like a

guy that didn't want to leave the hardware store without his hardware. He scored 13 of his game-high 21 points in the second half to keep the fuel and hope burning for Inkster. Rollins added 19 for the Vikings.

Junior Renty Rollins, in only his eighth game this season, was a huge asset coming into district play. He scored 19 against the Irish and 20 to lead Inkster past Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, 59-56, in the district semifinal on Thursday.

"He's made a big difference," Carter said. "Him and bringing some of the younger JV players up made the biggest difference in the tempo of the game."

Howard added 12 against Monroe and senior J.J. Snelling scored 10.

The added junior varsity players included sophomore Will Cranford and freshmen Cliff Murphy, Jonathan Taylor and Dean Butler.

Murphy had an immediate impact in the district opener against Romulus-Summit Academy North. Murphy, along with Crawford, scored 12 to lead the team to a 77-50 victory. Josh Williams added 10 in that game.

For Carter, the season was anything but normal but it did have its ups.

"I had fun," was his first reaction. "It was different. The coach has a little less control in basketball. There were times I wished I had that 25 seconds in between plays (like football)."

Carter, also the school's athletics director, is undecided if he will return next season as the basketball coach or not.

"I've had thoughts both ways," he admitted. "I really like working with the kids. I'll have to wait and see."

Make no mistake; football fans will definitely see him on the sidelines in the fall.



Whalers tie for first

The Plymouth Whalers hit the 100-point mark when they beat the visiting Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 6-1, on Sunday. The victory ties Plymouth with the London Knights for first place in the Ontario Hockey League. Against the Hounds, Chris Terry led the attack with a goal and three assists. Plymouth also received goals from Andrew Fournier (above), Jared Boll, Vern Cooper, Steve Ward and Kaine Geldart. Brandon MacLean scored the loan goal for the Hounds. Michal Neuvirth continued solid play in net for the Whalers, stopping 31 shots. Plymouth also had a 6-3 win against Windsor on Thursday. Daniel Ryder scored two goals and had an assist in the contest. Dan Collins added a score and three assists. Ryan McGinnis, Fournier and rookie Jordon O'Neill also scored. Plymouth wraps up the regular season this weekend, playing at Sault Ste. Marie on Friday and hosting the Kitchener Rangers at 7:05 pm on Saturday. Whalers start the playoffs at home at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 against an undecided opponent.

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1. Obituaries



BROWN, Loretta Yvonne, age 65, died February 28, 2007. Loretta leaves to cherish her memory; her loving mother, Maggie Wilson of Romulus, MI; brothers, Robert Wilson (Judy) of Tuscaloosa, AL, Michael Wilson (Elaine) of Cincinnati, OH and Ernest Wilson (Kathleen) of Los Angeles, CA; aunt, Mattie Robertson of Tuscaloosa, AL; nephews, Barrett, Evan, Justin and Everett Wilson; niece Sacha Wilson; her beloved Faithway Ministries family and a host of cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at Faithway Ministries with Bishop Bennie L. Oliphant officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Final

arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



DARDEN, Wanda Gail, age 47, died February 27, 2007. She leaves to cherish her loving memory her mother, Mable Darden; four children, Nicolette, Nicole, Chauncey and Delilah; brothers, Robert, Michael and Julius; sister, Deborah, 8 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Brother Howard officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



EDISON-WILLIAMS, Amy, age 66, died February 23, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memory, sisters, Diane Harrison and Terri Edison; brothers, Stanley, Raymond and Gregory Edison; step-daughter, Gail; sister-in-law, Sherrie; uncles, Pastor Clinton Edison and Roosevelt Edison; aunts, Carrie, Genora and Doris Edison; and a host of family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Goode officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

EDDY, Florence W., 94 of Wayne, died March 5, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Omar. Loving mother

of Ruth Prosinski, And John (Vicki) Eddy. Grandmother of Cindi, Kurt, Michael and Stacey. Visitation and Funeral Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Pastor Mark Raitz officiating. Interment took place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, Michigan

FELKER, Eleanor M., Age 87, died February 22, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Bruno Felker. Dear mother of Geraldine Zimmerman, Robert, Janice Copeland, Marlene Enright, Barbara Coffin, Richard, Howard, Anthony, and John. Dearest grandmother to 8 and great grandmother of 2. Visitation was held at Harry J Will Funeral Home in Wayne. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, February 26th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wayne. Fr Redecki officiating. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

HOPTON, Jason Edwin Allan, Age 28 of Westland, died February 17, 2007. Loving Son of Keith Arms and Ruth Hopton. Dear brother of 12. Fiance of Odette Hickey and sons. Funeral services were held Friday, February 23rd at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, with Rev Gary Edwards officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

IRWIN, Mary Lou, age 72 of Canton, died March 1, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Dear mother of John (Shelley), Kevin (Cindy), James, Karen (Tom Hyatt) and Steve. Loving grandmother of Johnny, Michael, Ryan, Kristen and Lindsey. A Celebration of Life Mass took place on Monday, March 5th at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne. Fr Jack Baker officiated. Interment took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. Arrangements and visitation were with Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Contributions to Angela

Hospice or American Cancer Society appreciated.



LAWSON, Norma Jean, age 62, died February 25, 2007. Norma leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Frederick Lawson; children, Cameron (deceased), Troy (Michelle) and Damon (Tamia); stepchildren, Monika (Jeffrey), Polly, Tracey (Stephen Sr.) Woods and Andre Lawson; twelve grandchildren, Nathan Lawson, Asia Taylor, Troy McKale Carter, Troy Lisa Slayton, Ryan Lawson, Damon Lawson, Damon Taylor, Malik Lawson, Tatiana, Lauren, Stephen Jr. and Bianca; siblings Raymond (Cora), Verla, Gerald Lawrence and Genila who preceded her in death; brother-in-

law, Ivory Lawson; two sisters-in-law, Alice (Edsel) Perry and Bernice (Bernard) Stowers and a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends. A eulogy was given at Penn Funeral Home by Pastor Stephen Adolph. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

LEWIS, Roger Keith, age 46, of Howell, formerly of Romulus, died Monday, March 12, 2007. He was born June 12, 1960 in Detroit, the son of Jerry and Judith (Kadoura) Lewis. Roger graduated in 1978 from Romulus High School; received a B.S. from Sienna Heights University and has been employed for 24 years at IBM in sales for computer software products. He was a member of Howell Church of Christ and was an avid sportsman. Beloved husband of Deborah J. (Stone) Lewis, whom he married May 18, 1985 in Allen Park. Dear father of Mackenzie,

Samantha and Roger Keith Lewis, Jr., all of Howell; dear son of Jerry and Judith Lewis of Howell; brother of Jerry (Tina) Lewis of Gibraltar, Judy Lynn (Vince) Tanner of Lemoore, CA and Karen O'Leary of Waterford; also survived by several nieces, nephews and in-laws. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 and Thursday 12-8 PM with services Friday 11 AM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800); Stephen Lord officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to The Lions Club or Penrickton School for the Blind in Taylor, MI. Visit online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com.



MAYS, Trelous, age 34, died December 6, 2006. Terelous was better known as "Mann" to those who loved him. Mann was born on April 27, 1972 to Janice Mays and Terelous Ballard in Inkster, MI. Mann received Christ into his life at an early age. Mann attended Inkster and Belleville Public Schools throughout his school-aged years. He was employed by Becthel Power Engineering through Boiler Makers of America. Mann enjoyed working his job which afforded him the opportunity to travel the country. Those who knew Mann knew him as a comedian. He loved to laugh and play video games with his children. Mann was preceded in death by his grandparents Artis and Elnora Mays; grandmother Beulah Ballard; father, Terelous Ballard and uncle Glenn Mays. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his mother, Janice Mays; sons Terelous and Dontay Shivers; step-daughter, Monye Cooper and a host of family members and friends. Funeral services were held at Christ United Methodist Church with Elder Edward Thomas, Jr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

MICHALSKI, Michael J., Age 52 of Wayne, died February 20, 2007. Beloved husband of Maureen. Dear father of Marc W. Drew J., and Cassandra E. Dear brother of Patrick (Jeanie), Ellen, Greg, Eugene and Steven. Dear son of Geraldine. Beloved uncle to several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 24th at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, with Fr Jack Baker officiating. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery.



PACE, Edward, age 83, died February 20, 2007.

He was born in Forest, MS to Edgar and Lelar Pace on July 1, 1923, the third of eight children. He attended Singleton School. Growing up, he attended Union Grove Church in Forest, MS. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in France, Germany and Italy until 1945, when he was honorably discharged. He moved to Inkster, MI in 1945 where he was employed at the Ford Motor Company from October 1946 until his retirement in December 1976. Edward will be missed by his loving wife Evelyn and son Michael; sisters, Jean Reed of Westland, MI and Perlie Byrd of Dayton, OH; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



RADNEY, Minnie Belle, age 81, died February 17, 2007. She was born May 20, 1925 in Knoxville, TN. Minnie was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Mae Watson, sisters, Bridget, Dorothy and Florence, and brothers, James, Herbert and Robert. Her brother Lafayette "Buddy" Watson is her only surviving sibling. She leaves to cherish many memories her son, Robert (Sandy) Radney; daughter, Deborah (Lorenzo) Bailey; three granddaughters, Robin Montgomery, Rebecca Watkins and Lindsay Radney; two grandsons, Robert Brian Radney and Azeriel Bailey; three great grandsons, Shawn Jr., Justin and Myles Montgomery; son-in-law, Shawn Montgomery and a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



ROBINSON, John, Sr., age 89, died February 27, 2007. He leaves to mourn his passing, daughters, Connie Davis of Detroit, MI and Terry Robinson of Inkster, MI; son, Mychal Robinson; seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and daughter-in-law Dr. Rebecca Robinson, and a host of loving cousins and many friends. He also considered Roosevelt Morgan and Richard Gibson as his sons. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Vollenik officiating.

ing. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



SAXON, Mary L., age 80, died February 21, 2007. Mary was born August 11, 1926 to the late Solomon and Mary Atkins of Faunsdale, AL., where she attended school. She was the fifth of 10 siblings. She accepted Christ at an early age. Mary later moved to New York City where she met and married James Saxon, to which union, four of her five children were born. In 1974, Mary and her family relocated to Detroit, MI. She leaves to cherish her precious memory her daughter, Elena Hall of Inkster, MI; sons, James Jr., Stanley and Barry Saxon, all of Detroit, MI; granddaughters, LaToija, Tara and Brittany; grandson, Barry Jr.; great grandson, A.J.; sisters, Sylvia Atkins of Chicago, IL, Marie Atkins, Ethel Atkins and Fannie Atkins, all of New York, NY; brothers, Turner Atkins of Faunsdale, AL and Sidney Atkins of Teaneck, NJ, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by 3 siblings, Suzie Walker, Corrine Young and Joseph Atkins. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Sr. officiating. Interment was at Knollwood, Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



SMART, Juanita Cornelia Ford, age 78, made her transition to Paradise on February 20, 2007 as he daughter Estelle whispered goodbye. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Estelle Posey Green and grandsons Lingo Green and Aja Moore-Green of Lithonia, GA; granddaughter Sharecee Rose (Jamerson); three great grandchildren, Curtis, Destiny and Jaylen "Cookieman"; brother-in-law, Hosea Smart; step-daughters, Gloria Smart and Karen Hubbard; step-sons, Gregory Smart and Lindsey Smart; siblings, Evangelist Myrtle Jones (Elder Hiram Jones), Elnora Ford (devoted caregiver), Paul Ford (Jessica); aunt, Marzelia Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends. Services were held at the Northwest Church of God with Elder

Clayton Keene officiating. Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



SEILER, Caroline Dorothy, R.N., died March 5 in Prescott, Arizona at age 87. She was born on Sept. 7, 1919 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Edward and Caroline (Streip) Lindow. In 1941 she graduated from Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. She was predeceased by four brothers and one sister. Caroline is survived by her loving husband, John C. Seiler Sr., to whom she was married for 52 years; three children, John Jr., Caroline Rose and Edward; three grandchildren, Meranda-Bond, Carrie Campbell and Christoffer Rose; and four great-grandchildren, Steven, Samantha and Jacob by Meranda and Ian by Carrie. A surgery and obstetrics registered nurse, Caroline married John on April 30, 1954 and became a homemaker in Wayne, MI, where John was a District Judge for 25 years. In 1987, she and John retired to Prescott where John continues to reside. Caroline was a loving and beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who is greatly missed by her family and friends. Interment was at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.

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Crowds flock to support new Tipping Point Theatre

It was standing room only at the first fundraiser for the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville last Saturday.

The new live professional theater needs fixtures, seats, a façade, equipment and operating costs to bring the first show to Northville in August. Executive Director Christina Johnson and Board President Chuck Gaidica thanked the more than 300 people who crowded into the building at 321 Cady St. for their support and helping them “fulfill a dream.”

Chef Ian MacKinnon and the Inn at St. John’s donated food, Good Time Party Store donated liquid refreshments, Big Shot Limos discounted valet parking services and Signature Audio donated lighting and staging for the event.

David McKnight of Emerald City Designs did the event design and was rewarded with compliments throughout the evening, from both Gaidica and Johnson.

“We couldn’t have done it without all the volunteers and all the people who helped us,” Gaidica told the crowd when he named and thanked all those who had contributed to the event.

Orin Jewelers donated a \$2,500 diamond necklace which was raffled off during the evening.

Gaidica noted during the event that the contributions and help were even more appreciated during the current economic climate. “Me, I’m an optimist,” he said. “I could jump off the top of the Ren Cen and as I passed each floor, I’d say, ‘Everything looks good so far.’”

“As for the recession here, well, I’m just not participating,” he said to loud applause.



Margene Buckhave of Northville and event planner David McKnight of Emerald City Designs found a spot to chat in the crowd.



Board President Chuck Gaidica of Channel 4 and Executive Director Christina Johnson had time for a quick smile before more than 300 guests crowded the new Tipping Point Theatre in Northville last Saturday night.



Both Geri and Chuck Gaidica, parents of Board President Chuck Gaidica, were on hand for the inaugural event.



Plymouth 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthust and wife, Susan, were all smiles during the improvisational comedy troupe presentation.



Harpist Sylvia LaPratt entertained the crowd prior to the comedy troupe performance.



Guests arrive on the red carpet.

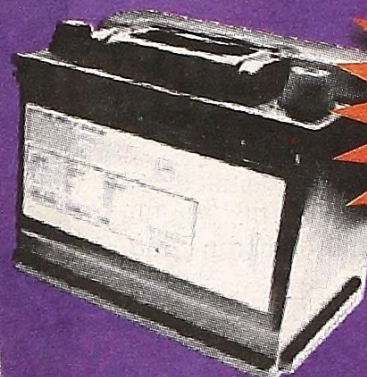


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